

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 691.6, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 126, “State Medical Examiner,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This proposed amendment increases some of the fees that apply to autopsies conducted by the state medical examiner division. The autopsy fee is proposed to increase from \$1200 to \$1400. The hourly rate for the state, deputy or associate medical examiner time for all court cases is proposed to increase from \$350 to \$450. It is proposed that a cremation permit fee of \$75 be assessed for each permit investigated and authorized by the state medical examiner’s office.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment on or before April 19, 2011. Such written comments should be directed to Jonathan Thompson, Office of the State Medical Examiner, 2250 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50023. E-mail may be sent to jthomps@idph.state.ia.us.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 691.6.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 126.3(1) as follows:

126.3(1) Fee schedule. The following fees shall apply to autopsies conducted by the state medical examiner division:

Autopsy	\$1200 <u>\$1400</u>
Copies of reports	\$20

EXCEPTIONS: A copy of the autopsy report is ~~included in the autopsy fee~~ automatically sent to the county medical examiner and to the county attorney without fee. A single copy of an autopsy report may be provided to the immediate next of kin of the deceased without fee. Copies of autopsy reports may be provided to public officials and physicians of record for official purposes without fee.

State, deputy, or associate medical examiner(s) time for all court cases	\$350 <u>\$450</u> per hour with a one-hour minimum
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This fee is for time spent reviewing case materials, preparing for deposition or court, testifying in deposition or court, and travel time.

A cremation permit fee of \$75 will be assessed for each permit investigated and authorized by the state medical examiner’s office.